

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Manager of the Year: The 437th Airlift Wing Outstanding USAF Personnel Manager/Education and Trainer Manager of the Year ceremony is Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Charleston Club. The event is open to everyone and dress is duty uniform. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Johnny Cunningham at 963-4548 or Master Sgt. Steven Harris at 963-4504.

Retirement Ceremony: The 437th Logistics Support Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Andre Woods Nov. 17, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 963-2342.

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. John Solomon Nov. 21, 1 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Anyone wishing to make a presentation should contact Master Sgt. JoAnne Miller at 963-4275. To RSVP, call 963-4955.

Around the base

OSA: The Officers' Spouses' Association is holding a meeting Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. A pasta dinner will be served, along with a demonstration about holiday dessert secrets by a pastry and bread chef. The cost is \$12 for club members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP by Sunday by calling 871-9829 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

School committee: The base school committee will meet Tuesday, 7 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Dr. Owen Bush, Charleston County District 4 superintendent will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 963-2200.

One-way Road

One-way traffic flow started Monday on a portion of South O'Neal Avenue, starting at Mitchell Drive and ending at Mitchell Circle. There is also a three-way stop at the corner of Mitchell Drive and South O'Neal Avenue.

These changes are part of the short-term solution to traffic congestion near the Lambs Elementary School Gate.

The long-term solution for this area includes constructing a road, parking lot and drop-off point between South O'Neal Avenue and West Jackson Drive.



Charleston Profile

Senior Airman Forrest Aspinwall
17th Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman Forrest Aspinwall is a loadmaster in the 17th Airlift Squadron. He cross-trained from missile maintenance and arrived at Charleston AFB in July 1999.

"I cross-trained to travel," said Aspinwall. "The job at F.E. Warren AFB in Wyoming wasn't rewarding enough. I wanted to see the world."

After touring a C-17 and the 17 AS with his father while on leave in 1997, Aspinwall put in his paperwork to cross-train, requesting only the loadmaster career field and CAFB. He said he was surprised it was accepted because other people in his unit were denied their requests to cross-train. "I think it was basically the hand of God," he said.

Aspinwall said what he likes most about his job, in addition to the travel, is the responsibility entrusted to loadmasters. "You're in charge of the whole back end of the plane," he said. "An airman basic has just as much responsibility as a master sergeant, when he's on the plane."

Aspinwall is a native of Jesup, Ga., near Savannah. His mother and father live in Jesup, and his sister lives in Brunswick, Ga. "Being away for 3.5 years, I didn't get a chance to go home much," said Aspinwall. "Now I get to go home more often."

"When I go home I'm like a country boy," he said. "I put on my work boots and work on the farm, just like I did growing up."



Photo by Capt. Tracy Vellino

Aspinwall describes himself as a history buff. He said the best place he's ever traveled to was Normandy Beach, France, for the 56th anniversary of D-Day, where he spent time with World War II veterans.

Aspinwall likes Charleston because it's a historical town. "And I love the South," he said.

Aspinwall was named 437th Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter Wednesday. He is working on a Community College of the Air Force degree and has 12 flying hours toward a private pilot's license.

FOD Walk: The Charleston AFB semi-annual FOD Walk is Thursday, 9 a.m., at Hangar 700. The walk should not last more than one hour. Prizes will be awarded to the hidden "Golden Bolt" finders. For more information, call 963-4705.

Chiefs' Group: The Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group will meet Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Representatives from the Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union will address the group. All chiefs are encouraged to attend.

Drill judges: Officers and NCOs are needed to be judges at Charleston Southern University for a drill competition Nov. 18. The competition is sponsored by the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 772. No experience is needed. For more information, leave a message at 853-7026.

Recruiters: The "Recruit the Recruiter" Team will visit Charleston AFB Dec. 5, 10 a.m., at the base theater. They will give a one-hour briefing followed by application processing. Staff sergeants through master sergeants with less than 16 years total service are eligible to apply. Senior airmen with three to six years total service are also eligible to apply. For more information, visit www.rs.af.mil/RTR.htm.

Public notice: The Joint Commission on Accreditation of

Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 437th Medical Group Dec. 6-7 to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. Anyone who wishes to discuss quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may send a letter no later than Nov. 29 to: Ambulatory Care Service Team, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, 1 Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. 60181.

GOV license: Effective Jan. 1, all personnel assigned to Charleston AFB must have an AF Form 2293, Government Driver's License, to operate a GOV. Squadron vehicle NCOs are responsible for ensuring their personnel acquire the licenses. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jason Hodges at 963-4076.

Christmas Trees: The Charleston Square and Compass Club will not be selling Christmas trees on Charleston AFB this year due to manpower shortages. The club has been selling the trees here since 1968 and has donated trees and some proceeds to base organizations as well as off-base charities. For more information, or to assist the club for tree sales in 2001, call I.V. Butler at 552-1856.

Medical records: The 437th Medical Group has decentralized the

outpatient records section. The Primary Care Manager sections now keep records for their patients. The records section will be conducting annual inventory in January. The records of military family members and retirees who have not been seen since December 1998 will be forwarded to the National Personnel Records Center. Records of retirees using TRICARE Prime and active duty members and dependents using TRICARE standard will not be forwarded.

Family Support Center

Hearts Apart: Hearts Apart is an on-going program for spouses of deployed service members. The program offers such services as e-mail, morale calls, videophone calls and free oil changes. For information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ken Gilmore at 963-5630.

Pre-Deployment Briefing: Thursday and Nov. 30, 4 p.m., and Monday and Nov. 27, 8 a.m.

Car Buying: Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.

TAP Three-Day Workshop: Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Building Self Esteem in Children: Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

Mini Job Fair: Thursday, 3-5 p.m.

Resume II: Nov. 20, 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Troops-to-Teachers: Nov. 27, 10-11 a.m.

All workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register, call the Family Support Center at 963-4406.